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NMFS ANNOUNCES THAT THE PROTECTED SPECIES SAFE HANDLING, RELEASE, AND IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP IN MANAHAWKIN, NJ THAT WAS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 13, 2011, HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED **TO FEBRUARY 10, 2011**

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) requires that shark and swordfish limited access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear attend and become certified at Protected Species Release, Disentanglement, and Identification workshops in order to renew or transfer either a shark limited access and/or a swordfish limited access permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Vessel operators are required to possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and operator at all times. These workshops are conducted monthly at various locations along the Atlantic coast and Gulf of Mexico. The dates and locations of the workshops are announced quarterly through publication of a notice in the Federal Register, letters to affected permit holders, and an e-mail notice to subscribers of "Atlantic HMS News."

This is to announce that the Protected Species Release, Disentanglement, and Identification Workshop in Manahawkin, NJ that was originally scheduled for January 13, 2011, has been rescheduled.

The new date is:

February 10, 2011

The location remains:

Holiday Inn

151 Route 72 East

Manahawkin, NJ 08050 (609) 481-6100

The time remains:

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

To register for a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158.

For additional information, please contact the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at 727-824-5399.

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